



Albacon TNG 1994
Animation Programme

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Ahl my Goddess

OAV 1-2, 3-4

OAV 5

60m each

45m

Humour

U

S/T

S/T

Goddesses, motorbikes, and large amounts of cute... shows what happens when you get what you wish for, especially if you're not too careful. If you don't know this one and expect it to make sense, then watch part 1; not that this makes too much sense, but at least you won't be totally lost. Bring your hankies for part 5 - you have been warned!

Batman: mask of the Phantasm

74m

Action

A

Has Bats gone bats? Someone in a mask and cape is offing Gotham's cream - well, what gets found floating on the top and is probably best to call the cream if you want to stay attached to your kneecaps. A feature-length animated *film noir*, with a much better plot than either of Tim Burton's offerings.

Beautiful Dreamer

100m

Humour

U (S/T)

A film from one of the classic anime comedy shows (and still about the best) starring Lum, probably the sexiest alien ever to wear a tiger-striped bikini, her "husband" Ataru, a dedicated girl-chaser who makes Casanova look celibate, and a massive cast of equally rational and sensible characters. If life is but a dream, who is the dreamer...

Call me tonight

30m

Horror/Humour

X (JLO)

This is the silliest parody we've yet seen of the "Hero-turns-into-monster-and-uncontrollably-attacks-every-girl-in-sight" anime. The hero's girlfriend is constantly trying to turn him into a monster, the monster gets sexually assaulted by one of the girls... Serious it ain't, but it gives the best example of the horrible fate that should overtake telesales people.

Catgirl Nuku Nuku

75m

Humour

Uc

It's deep, it's meaningful, it's Neko-chan! Starring a robot with the brain of a cat, a psychotic head of a multinational corporation, her estranged mad-scientist husband, their young son, more heavy weaponry than is even remotely reasonable, and a host of regional accents, including a cameo by Helen "bicycles" McCarthy. Fun fun fun!

City Hunter

90m

Live action/Adult humour

AA (S/T)

Jackie Chan's sensitive interpretation of a mercenary for hire, whose attempts at seducing his female clients are thwarted by his female sidekick and her hammer collection. Fast, furious, and funny; forget 'Street Fighter: the movie', this has the ultimate video martial arts sequence. (Jackie looks so cute as Chun Li...)

Dirty Pair

25m

SF/Humour

A (S/T)

There may be one or two fans who don't know about the Lovely Angels - possibly. For those few, Kai and Yuri are two lovable, harmless, cuddly WWWA agents, who believe in the solving of problems by reasoned negotiation at all times. The higher the calibre, the more reasonable the negotiation.

Grave of the fireflies

90m

Drama

AA (S/T)

In the ruins of Tokyo after World War II, two small children struggle to survive amidst a society in chaos which can, or will, no longer protect them. This film ranks with 'All quiet on the Western Front' and outstrips 'Schindler's List' in the ranks of anti-war films, and is included in the programme because it deserves to be seen. Not recommended for anyone even remotely prone to depression.

Gunbuster

OAV 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

60m each

SF/Drama

A

S/T

There are echoes of 'Starship Troopers' and 'The forever war' in this Space Opera. Earth stands alone against the Galaxy, and its frontline troops are the young people who alone possess the skills to operate the Mecha defence. Episode 6 is in widescreen and black & white: do not adjust your set. Very highly recommended.

Heavy Metal

90m

SF

AA

The classic '70s animation showcase with the excellent music track. As with any compilation, some bits are better than others, but it's well worth waiting for the final sequence, worked on by (amongst others) Chris Achilleos and Howard Chaykin.

Kama Sutra

70m

Action

X (S/T)

Not so much a faithful interpretation of the Hindu text, more a case of the Carry On team meet the Mystery Machine. Reincarnation, love, lust and death, and the Chalice from the Palace... anime *enfant terrible* Nagai Go at his best.

Kiki's Delivery Service	100m	Fantasy	Uc (S/T)
In a middle-European country just south of the Duchy of Grand Fenwick, and west of Ruritania, a trainee witch leaves home on a rite of passage, and finds that her craft doesn't fit easily into a modern society. A well-observed and expertly crafted film.			
KO Century Beast Warriors		SF	Uc
OAV 1-3	90m		
A completely inept team of young humanoid "beasts" take on the nasty, wicked, spike-loving "humans" who are invading their world. Very silly, even sillier if you know who's voicing whom...			
LA Blue Girl		Adult	X
OAV 1-2	90m		S/T
Need we say more?			
Laputa	120m	SF/Fantasy	Uc
Based more on the scientific romances of Jules Verne and Rudyard Kipling (honestly) than Jonathan Swift's 'Gulliver's Travels', this epic film has everything for the anime enthusiast: robots, airships, heroes and heroines, villains and villainesses, a flying island, great music, a good script, and a worthwhile message.			
Lupin III: Cagliostro's Castle	100m	Action/Humour	Uc
Wings of death	25m	Action/Humour	Uc
Arsene Lupin was a wonderful French 19th century invention - a jewel thief with a penchant for fast horses and faster women. His grandson continues in the family tradition, but owing to the tender interests of Interpol (whose finest seem to have been personally tutored by Inspector Clouseau) he has progressed from horses to a turbo-charged Citroen 2CV. And his women have been known to shoot back...			
My neighbour Totoro	90m	Cute/Fantasy	Uc
Not just one of the best anime films, not just one of the best animated films. Simply, one of the best films ever made. Two small girls go to live in the country, and discover the mysterious, magical inhabitants of the forest. This film has reduced hard-core trash/violence freaks to marshmallow, <u>and they like it!</u> Utterly recommended.			
Plastic Little	55m	SF	A (S/T)
The story of a cute captain of a pet-hunting submarine. Well worth watching.			
Porco Rosso	95m	Action/Cute	A (S/T)
Miyazaki's latest work is a beautiful piece of animation, well worth seeing if only to admire the water/cloud effects. Set in the Adriatic between the wars, it involves pirates, flying boats, and of course pigs.			
Ranma ½		Humour	A
Episodes 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	60m each		S/T
From those rational people who brought you 'Urusei Yatsura', another cast of thousands who have problems with water. Over 150 TV episodes and several OAVs/movies to date; this should give you an idea of what it's all about.			
Rei Rei	60m	Fantasy	X (S/T)
A love goddess helps mortals with their typical problems, eg boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy turns into girl...!			
The Return of Jafar	70m	Fantasy	Uc
Aladdin Part 2: The Story Continues, without Robin Williams or any flash computer graphics, but it's still great fun.			
The Sensualist	75m	Historical	X (S/T)
Based on a medieval Japanese story of a wanton who squandered his father's wealth on beautiful women, this beautifully erotic film is a series of woodcuts brought to life.			
Tenchi Myu		SF/Humour	A
OAV 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	60m each		S/T
Special	45m		S/T
This is the full series, shown in four parts due to its length. Despite appearances, it's not a comedy - it's just very funny. However, it has a serious (and well-disguised) storyline. Worth watching carefully - far too many bits you ignore as just another joke turn up a lot later as critical plot elements. This also has the cutest, floppiest bunny you are ever likely to meet, at least until episode 5, where its true nature is revealed... In fact, most of the cast are something other than what they seem to be. Including the vegetation. Highly recommended, bring your own carrots.			

Time Masters	90m	SF	U
More notable for the outstanding French artist Moebius' art design than for the story, which definitely loses something in the translation. However, this is easily forgiven by those who know Moebius for the genius he is.			
Vampire Princess Myu		Horror	A
DAV 1-2, 3-4	60m each		S/T
Definitely not a Hammer Films production - no stakes, no coffins. Very Gothic, very bittersweet, with a very complicated plot which we are not even going to try to explain here. Those of you who like ghost stories should enjoy these.			
Video Girl Ai		Humour	X
CAV2	30m		S/T
Although the plot is a little on the flimsy side (boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy rents adult video...), the animation is good and the artwork is beautiful. We're just sorry we don't have any more.			
Yellow Submarine	75m	Fantasy	U
A slice of the 60s. Come to Pepperland! Fight the Blue Meanies! Explain to anyone under 18 exactly what's going on, and why it's so funny...			

CLASSIFICATION

Uc: Suitable for all ages, including small children

U: Suitable for all ages, but small children might not understand it

A: Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

AA: Nobody under 10 admitted; children aged between 10-15 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

X: Nobody under 18 admitted

JLO: Japanese Language Only

S/T: Subtitled for the foreign-language impaired

GENERAL

This is an alphabetical listing of the animation being shown. We've tried to give you an idea of the material, so that you can get an idea of what it's about before you go and see it. However, we make no claim that all of this is complete, or even necessarily accurate, particularly with regard to playing times.. If you want to know more, ask around; if all else fails, buy Herry a drink and he will enthrall you for hours on end...

The more astute of you will notice that some items have been down-certified from the programme book (What do you mean, it isn't in there? We sweated blood on that!...). This comes partly of having watched them recently and not relying on memory, and in one particular case a series has just been released in the UK with a 'PG' certificate when everyone was sure it would get a '15'. In general, if you are responsible for small children, you can always ask about items and besides you don't use TV as a baby-sitter anyway: if you're over 18, you're old enough to drink alcohol, drive, marry, vote and die for your country on demand, so you can use your own discretion!

There have been some changes from the original programme; this comes from organising the stream 300 miles from the con and 100 miles from some very kind people who supplied us with lots and lots of tapes. Check Ops, Registration, and outside the animation room for updates.

Finally, while we know that many of you leave as soon as the end credits roll, we strongly recommend that you stay to the end if you're watching Tenchi Myu. Just for all you keen gardeners out there...

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